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1. The Verbund-Glas G.m.b.H. (Laminated Glass, Ltd.) in Potsdam-Babelsberg (N 53/Z 63) is the only producer of safety glass in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The plant had to suspend production because the stocks of Mowilith were exhausted. Mowilith is a binding agent required for the production of safety glass.
2. The BMW plant (SAG Autovelo) in Eisenach and the automobile plants of the VVB (Z) Ifa could not complete their automobiles due to the lack of safety glass. For the same reason, all exports to the U.S.S.R. of television sets, made by the SAG Oberspreewerke (Kabelwerk) in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide (N53/Z94) and the Sachsenwerk in Dresden-Niedersedlitz (N 52/F 29), had to be stopped. Also the shipbuilding program was jeopardized by the lack of safety glass.
3. The Soviet Zone government has directed all government agencies concerned to obtain the annual requirements of Mowilith for the Soviet Zone, which amount to about 75 tons. Attempts are being made to complete a barter agreement with the I.G. Farben in Leverkusen (K 52/F 47) in order to procure the required amount of Mowilith in exchange for tricresylphosphate and aluminum chloride. * and **

25X1A * Comment. Mowilith is the registered trademark for various polyvinyl acetate products which are produced in various types and are used as glues and adhesives and in the production of paint.

25X1A ** Comment: The 1949 ABC der Deutschen Wirtschaft lists the Farbenfabriken Bayer at Leverkusen. This firm was formerly a member of the I.G. Farben Combine.

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